

## Door Of Liberty Closed

THE NEGRO WITHOUT A MOSES IN THE WILDERNESS—GOD HAS SAID TRUST IN HIM—MR. CUNNINGHAM SPEAKS

The Negro is now, it seems, in a political wilderness. without a well trusted Moses to lead him safely through. But let us take fresh courage, for God has said, "If you will trust in me I will be a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night." These words were spoken to the children of Israel as they journeyed through the wilderness. And the same holds good today relative to the Negro in his political bondage. It seems that everything is being done by the enemies of justice to impede the political progress of the colored people of this century in this dear home of the brave and the land of the free(?). Maryland, along with her other sister states, that seem to have forgotten that God still lives, has closed the door of liberty in the face of her colored citizens. The ballot, the only weapon of defense with which the Negro had to fight, has been taken from him. What then, must he do? Look to God! Watch the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Let this race first be true to God, and to itself, alike, and the dark clouds and heavy winds will some day give way to a brighter day.

There seems to be an epidemic of "Negrophobia," in the State of Maryland. That state has been suffering with this terrible disease for quite a number of years, and threatens to grow worse, and spread into other states, if not quarantined or put out of business by the strong arm of Federal intervention. He is a coward that would arm himself and proceed to attack a man that he knows is not armed and prepared to meet him. But strange to say, to her lasting shame, this country, in recent years, has drifted far enough from the path of justice to applaud such as heroism. Why should men strive to deny to others the same privileges they themselves wish to enjoy? Perhaps Maryland can best answer that question, since she was the last to rob her colored citizens of their God-given rights to cast a ballot; or sit on the jury, or ride in a decent railroad car after having paid honest fare.

Deprived of his right to cast his vote—a privilege that is granted to all the foreigners from the slums of Europe—it will be many years now before the Negro will have a chance to stand up in the State legislatures, or in the United States Congress, and plead for justice in behalf of his much persecuted race. George W. White was the last Negro representative we had in the United States Congress, and we very much fear he used too much of his lung power in telling how much wealth the Negroes of this country have accumulated since their emancipation, when he ought to have been telling of their need of aid from their white friends. Boasting about what the race has gained in so short a time of freedom had a tendency to injure, rather than help the race, and it is a pity that the learned George White was too mentally blind to see it that way.

The black man, be he ever so highly respected by his own people, and some of the whites as well, is nothing like respected by the white politicians of this country as he was in years gone by. And why? It is because the laws which gave him the right to cast his ballot have been set aside, and unjust laws prohibiting such rights have taken their place. A man without arms (firearms) is never feared by the coward who is armed to the teeth. But even the well armed coward is ever polite and ready to doff his hat to the man that he knows is prepared to meet him. So it is in politics. The man, or his race, that is shorn of his rights (that little weapon, the ballot), is very little respected by the man that has all such privileges. The most influential Negro in politics today can hardly get a respectful hearing by the white politicians of his own state or in the national Congress. They know, and are glad, that the colored people have been stripped of the ballot. Their only

arms of defense, and they no longer fear them along that line.

But the colored people have simply fell back in good order. Through all of the injustice done them they are going to rally and come again! So let us trust in God,

"And if we meet with trials (as we have).

And troubles on the way,  
Cast all our cares on Jesus,  
And don't forget to pray."

J. C. Cunningham.

### FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held Friday night, July 23, by the citizens of Fairmount Heights under the auspices of the Fairmount Heights Citizens' Association.

The meeting was held in the new public hall on Chapel avenue, which has just been completed and formally turned over by the contractor, Mr. Gillian, of 61st street.

After the unanimous election of Sergeant Coleman as President, and Mr. Charles Payne Secretary of the meeting, the general welfare of the sub-division was discussed.

The improvement and extension of the District Boulevard was made the subject of an encouraging report by a committee appointed by the association to take the matter up with the District Commissioners. It was the sense of the meeting that in view of the interest taken by President Taft in seeking to reclaim certain portions of the District of Columbia, seeded to the states, the effort to clearly define and improve the boulevard which marks the boundary line of the District should receive a new impetus. Great satisfaction was expressed over the improvements just completed by the District on the Sheriff Road and the District Boulevard.

Resolutions were passed requiring each householder owning houses or lots in the sub-division of Fairmount Heights to pay an annual due of one dollar for the further improvement of streets.

The light service will also be more satisfactory through the encouragement of the citizens to maintain individual lights in addition to those maintained by the public.

### TUSKEGEE'S LIBRARY OF THE BEST TYPE

Mr. Andrew Carnegie recently published over his own signature an interesting article in Collier's Weekly describing various types of libraries which he has given throughout the world. While he has given thousands of library buildings, he published only nine photographs of those buildings as indicating the best types. Among the nine there was the photograph of the library building at the Tuskegee Institute. The architect of this building was Mr. R. R. Taylor, instructor in architecture at Tuskegee.

From the Baptist Herald

Professors Cromwell, Clark and Sullivan are winning high praise for their very able instruction in the subjects taught in the Summer School. It is a wonder some of the universities like Howard, Wilberforce or Union does not secure the permanent services of a historian like Mr. Cromwell. It is a credit to the Virginia Seminary and to the Petersburg Industrial Institute that they appreciated the worth of this historian in his life time and invited him to lecture before these 800 young people on the various phases of the history of our country.

### FOR WOMEN

The National Training School for Women and Girls will open October 4. At a meeting of the Trustee Board at Nashville, during the month of June, they elected Miss N. H. Burroughs, President of the institution. She has been working very hard to get out the catalogue and in getting things ready for the opening.

She is coming to Washington for the purpose of doing a unique educational work, that will reach the masses of our people. The Bee realizes that they are not being reached by churches, nor Women's Clubs, Young Men's Christian Associations, nor anyone or anything else.

The catalogues for the school will be ready very soon.

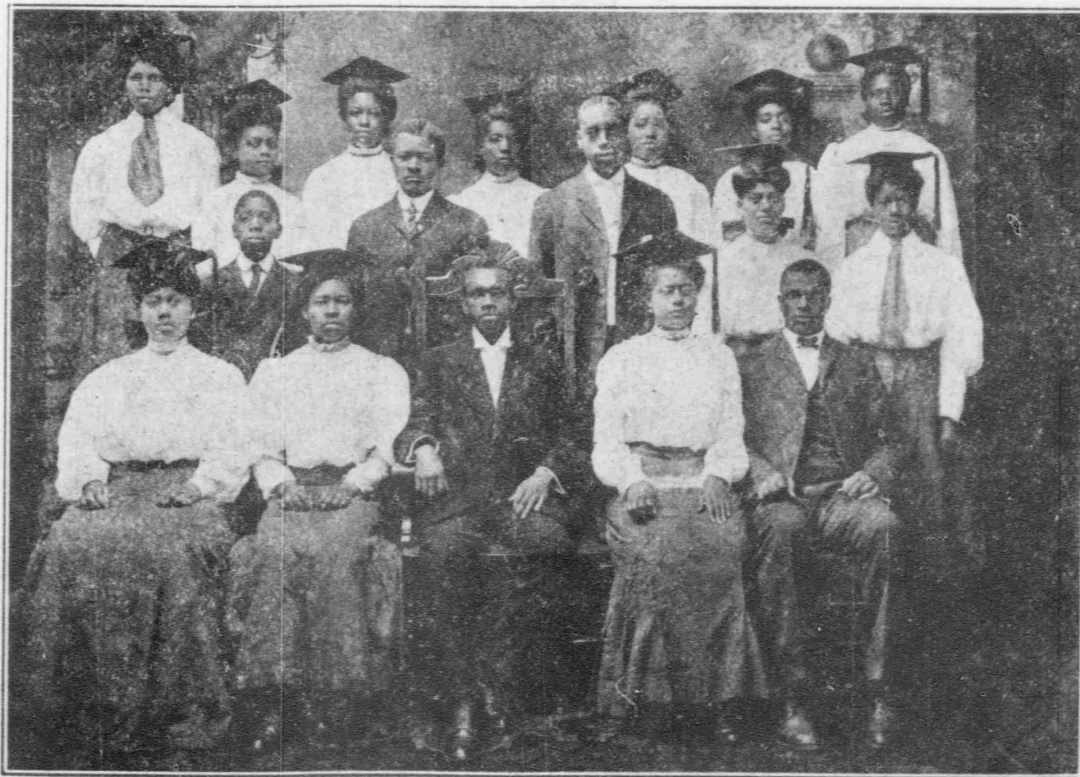
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## DR. WASHINGTON'S RECENT TRIP THROUGH PORTIONS OF VIRGINIA.

Special to The Bee.

A gentleman who accompanied Dr. Booker T. Washington during his recent trip over the Virginia Railway, recites the following incidents as being significant and remarkable in connection with his trip:

In the first place, it may interest the public to know that a special train was used during the whole of this trip, and that the private car used by Dr. Washington and party was the "Rocket," the same car that former President Roosevelt used on most of his tours throughout the country.

At one point, where a large meeting was held, the great grandson of Patrick Henry was brought to the station by his parents for the special purpose of having Dr. Washington shake his hand. The parents seemed to find much delight in having the privilege of doing so.

At several points where the train stopped, not only were the houses of colored people decorated with flags, but many residences of white people also.

Another thing that was noticeable in connection with the trip was the large attendance of white people at all of the meetings. At several places the attendance of white people was as large or larger than that of the Negro people. At Christiansburg, former Governor Tyler and a party of his friends rode fifteen miles to be present at the meeting.

At Suffolk, Virginia, not only did the Mayor ride with Dr. Washington, through the streets of the city in his automobile, but the city council also followed in another automobile throughout the entire parade which had been arranged. The attendance of the best class of white women at the meetings was also especially notable and satisfactory.

One other thing of importance: At every point the colored merchant was in evidence, and it was interesting to see how the white people consider the news of the colored business men in matters of mutual importance. At one point in Virginia, at Kenbridge, the leading white man of the town remarked to Dr. Washington that Negroes had money invested in nearly every business enterprise in the community and that the white people make it a point to get colored people to invest in every enterprise which the white people have established, thereby creating a community of interest.

### CLAIM PAID

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Union Relief Association of the G. U. O. of O. F., in the District of Columbia, has paid every claim against them to date, July 28, 1908.

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President.  
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Treasurer.

## Helping The South

IN THE INTEREST OF EDUCATION—A DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE PRESENT

A most brilliant popular mass meeting in the interest of Ferguson and Williams College, at Abbeville, South Carolina, was held on Thursday evening last, July 22, in the 15th Street Presbyterian Church.

The Church was brilliantly lighted. Rev. W. V. Tunnell, of Howard University presided over the meeting. Mrs. Robert A. Pelham presided at the organ. The Scriptures were read by Rev. W. V. Tunnell, and prayer was offered by Rev. Peele Penix. Professor Layton then rendered one of his soul-stirring solo which was most highly appreciated by the audience. Professor W. V. Tunnell then made a short introductory address, after which he called upon Rev. E. W. Williams, D.D., the president and founder of the school at Abbeville, who made a short but telling address and statement about his work. Rev. Williams was followed by Professor George W. Cook, of Howard University, who made an address in which he stated that he had known Rev. Williams more than thirty years, as an earnest, self-denying worker for the race, and that he himself, as well as Howard University, was proud of Rev. Williams as a man who had gone out and done something. Professor Cook was followed by Professor L. B. Moore, Dean of the Teachers' College of Howard University. Professor Moore made a strong and earnest appeal for a larger sympathy and deeper interest of the colored people themselves in their own enterprises.

Professor Moore was followed by Mrs. Rosetta Lanson, who had twice visited Ferguson and Williams College at Abbeville, South Carolina, and could bear personal testimony to the kind and character of the good work done in the institution for the practical uplift of the race. Mrs. Lanson was followed by Mrs. E. V. Williams, principal of Ferguson and Williams College, who made a brief address showing the necessity and importance of moving the school from its present location and of building upon the foundation that has been so well laid during the last thirty years at Abbeville.

Miss V. L. Williams, the accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Williams, rendered a beautiful solo, at the close of which Mr. M. E. Maxfield, an old friend and schoolmate of Rev. Williams, arose and asked permission to say a word. After stating that himself and the Rev. Dr. Emory Williams had been boys together, and what great pleasure he now had in meeting his old friend after forty years, he said he was willing to show his appreciation by starting the collection with ten dollars. The remarks of Mr. Maxfield were greeted with great applause by the audience. Professor Cook then arose and said "I will give ten dollars." This brought renewed applause. Then Professor Tunnell said "I will give ten dollars," and the applause was continued. Professor Moore said "I will give ten dollars," and this was the signal for the most enthusiastic applause of the evening. After this different ones in all parts of the house arose and said "I will give five dollars," until nearly one hundred dollars was raised. Some announcements were then made, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Tunnell and the audience dispersed with feelings of gladness that they had had the opportunity to participate in a good work.

### SUES LODGE FOR DEATH BENEFIT

Alleging that the United States Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Sons of Benjamin, a beneficial association, has refused to pay a death benefit of \$1,000 due her, Mrs. Bertha Barnett, through Attorneys Darr, Peyser and Taylor, has sued the lodge. She says her husband, Morris Barnett, was insured by the order and she is entitled to the benefit by reason of his demise.

This case is attracting wide attention among the officials of the various beneficial organizations in this city.